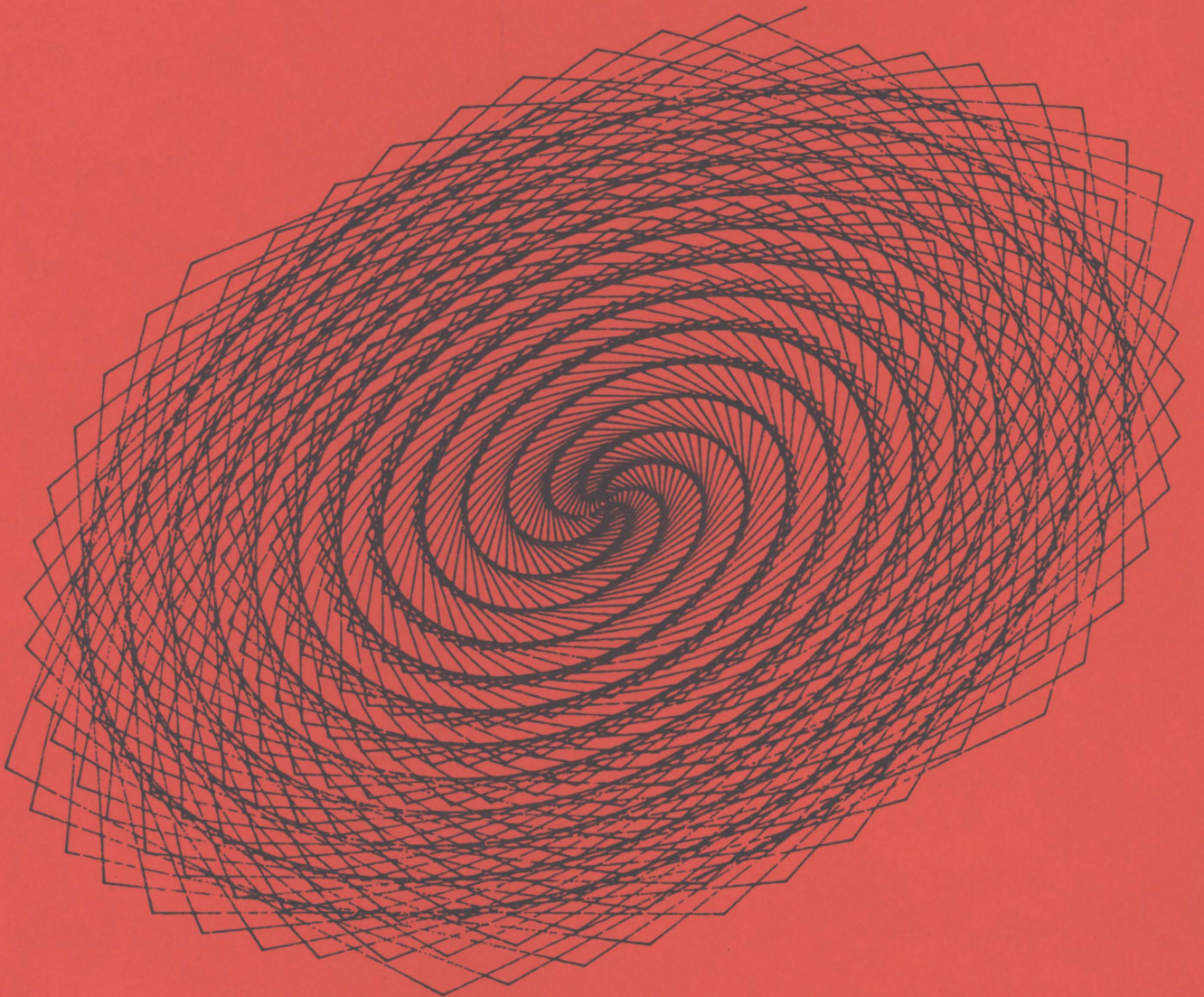


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PREFACE

This new-born publication is our second. It is based on the Finnish membership publication called Neljännesvuosiraportti (Quarterly Report) and will be issued only in English. A condensed English translation on the Quarterly Report appeared previously and served as an exchange publication. It has been replaced by the Annual Report.

We wish to make Finnish events and research more accessible to foreign readers and friends. In the previous translation research details and reports could

be dealt with only by way of review and reference. A precise view was difficult to get and this has caused some misunderstandings.

In addition to more detailed analyses, which now will be possible, we shall be giving more or less broad treatments of space-related phenomena which resemble UFOs. These include rocket launches, bolides and halos. We shall also describe the attitude of the press and media to UFOs and UFO research.

We hope that you will respond to us by stating your opinion about the Annual Report and the topics dealt with. You may also request further information on any subject. We also hope that you tell your friends about this new publication. We will answer any questions if possible. We shall of course publish the questions and answers in due time but there is a natural delay in the Annual Report.

COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF FIELD DATA

In order to gather first-hand data the UFO Research of Finland has set up a researcher network which covers the whole country. The membership of about 70 is the basis of the collection network. In addition we have several independent contributors.

Our address has often been mentioned in some periodicals, e.g. *Ultra* (which covers extra-paradigm areas and alternative life views) and *Tähdet ja Avaruus* (Stars and Space). In addition, our activities have been described in a few books with instructions for data collecting. We get some 50 reports a year, on an average.

From the reports we receive we will decide on further measures in each case. The case reports are hereby classed into three groups:

1. Unexplained observations (UFOs as defined). These cases contain detailed information and precise descriptions, so that all natural causes can practically be excluded. Such cases will be studied as thoroughly as possible, sparing no energy and resources.
2. The information remains insufficient despite all attempts to get more details. Thus, the cause of the observation cannot be decided. This is the largest category of cases, unfortunately. In these cases we continue investigations, if possible.
3. Explained observations: the information allows us to pinpoint a natural source for the observation, e.g. astronomical, meteorological and technological phenomena. Sometimes, too, hoax is disclosed.

ABOUT THE NEED FOR DETAILED SIGHTING REPORTS

The UFO Research of Finland is not trying to explain away all UFO cases, but we try to maintain a high standard of research procedures. We have found out that a sighting report should be as detailed as possible since eyewitnesses tend to forget what they have seen. Besides, many people misinterpret such light phenomena as the Moon, Venus and the Russian rocket launchings on our eastern skies. The time of observation regarding Russian rocket launchings varies from a few minutes to half an hour and these "UFOs" are always seen on our eastern skies.

1982: A QUIET PERIOD

During 1982 the UFO Research of Finland received only two reports that could not be explained. Eight cases were explained and 11 cases had insufficient information. The press continued to write about UFO's. There were over 200 UFO related articles.

The movie "E.T." came to Finland in December 1982. The movie was enormously popular, but it did not increase the amount of sighting reports.

SUMMARIES OF 1982 OBSERVATIONS

June 2, 1982, at 15.00 -15.50, Turku. Mrs. Eva Gröönroos, 36, and her daughter Jaana, 16, were drinking coffee in their kitchen in Uittamo suburb, when they noticed two bright blinking objects, one on top of the other in north-northeast. The objects were oval-shaped and had a silvery sparkle. Their altitude was halfway to the height of the nearby Vasaramäki radio mast. The contours were obscure and they were blinking brightly but irregularly. According to the eyewitnesses the objects were further away than the radio mast and they were increasing the distance. After half an hour they could only be seen through binoculars. At last they disappeared. The weather was clear and sunny. The temperature was 22°C centigrade. Classification: 1.

December 16, 1981, at 17.00 - 17.15, Patterinhaka, Turku. A man observed a bright light through his home window. The light changed its colors from red to turquoise and back to red. After about 5 minutes the object had drifted one degree to the north. After that the light disappeared, possibly behind a cloud. There is very little data available on the case, but at the time of observation the star Arcturus was in the mentioned direction. Classification: 2.

1983: THE AMOUNT OF SIGHTINGS INCREASES AGAIN

In 1983 the UFO Research of Finland received five reports that could not be explained. Three cases were explained and six cases had insufficient information. The press no longer writes as often about UFO's as it did before.

A CLOCK - LIKE UFO AT NÄSIJÄRVI

Translation from an article in ULTRA magazine no. 11 1983.

A strange clocklike light-phenomenon was seen at Niemikylä village in Kuru over the Kukulanselkä part of the Näsijärvi Lake, on the third of September 1983. Nearly for one hour could Raimo and Terttu Niemelä follow the movements of the phenomena from their summer cottage, before the light and the two other, smaller lights, disappeared in the distance. The Niemelä's suspect that the cause of this light phenomena was some flying object - a UFO.

I woke up a quarter past one o'clock in the night, says Raimo Niemelä. "I had all the time slept badly, I got up and noticed the bright blue light by accident through the window. I pulled off the curtains and saw over the opposite beach some 800 m away a big light ball. I decided to go out to the beach to see better. The light was like a clock-table. It had twelve blue lights. Their colour was similar to that spark which normally gets off from the spark plug. Between positions ten and fourteen o'clock there was a reddish-yellow light in that clock-table.

After that I went in and awakened Terttu to see the light. We went together to the beach and after a while the light started to move quickly with short, sudden movements towards northwest, to the right from us.

Terttu went back in, because she said she was afraid that the light would come to our beach. She asked me too to come in, but I didn't go, instead I shouted her to see what the time was. I had once read from "Ultra" or "Ufoaika" (Finnish UFO-magazines) that in this kind of an observation the exact time was important.

I soon went in too and the time was then 01.30. I went out again, whereas Terttu stayed inside to see through the window and to shout me exact time.

The light had moved fast several hundred meters towards northwest, all the time under tree-top level. The light was hovering immovable again, perhaps one and a half kilometers from me.

Suddenly the light started to move again and now made a W-formed figure, then it stopped again and became bloodred in colour. Little blue lights were still round the red centre, however, and that yellowish light up there between 10 and 14. You couldn't distinguish separate lights in the yellowish light, it looked like a compact sheaf of light.

After a while the vehicle or what it now was, switched on two unbelievably bright light beams to enlighten the forest, first to the right and then to the left. At the same time I shouted to Terttu to ask the time and she answered

01.45.

During the change of the colour and the light beams, the light phenomena were in the same place all the time.

After that the light moved back to where it came from by the same route, and made for another time that double V. When it started to move the red-yellowish light in the upper part became more narrow, from 11 to 13.

When making the W-figure the light was in its lowest five metres from the water and in its highest 15 metres over the lake. No sound was heard during all the time.

When it had come back to the same place I had seen it first, the light phenomenon switched off its yellowish upper light and started slowly to abandon from us. Simultaneously it continued to rise gently towards the upper part of the edge of forest. When it had disappeared from sight, two more smaller blue lights rose from the edge of forest. First from right and then from left. They followed this bigger light and vanished after it. The time was 01.55 when the lights began to abandon and it was 02.00 when they had vanished.

I was awake to five o'clock in the morning and waited, in case it would come back. But it did not return.

Later in the night, inside the cottage, I felt that a bright yellow light beam was directed to my left temple. I said to Terttu, "Wonder what this light is", but that beam vanished as soon I had said it. After a while the light came again to my temple and the same happened. After that it did not come back more.

After that I got a little head-ache, but I thought it might depend on the exertion of my eyes, due to the fact that I had been looking for a long time to the dark.

My own opinion about that light is that it was some flying vehicle - a UFO. I don't believe it was any weather phenomena. The weather was cloudy, you couldn't see the moon or the stars. A gentle wind was blowing from the south. The temperature was +18 degrees Centigrade, I had checked it on the day. The weather had been sultry and a little bit like thunderstorm.

After a couple of days I phoned about the matter to the Aitovuori radar-station, but no notes were found in the diary of events during the actual time. (However, the UFO was moving so low that the radar actually could not have registered it).

After this event unusually many observations (over ten) have surfaced. Most of them were made near Tampere in August-September. The investigations are still going on when writing this article. A couple of events seem to be connected with the Kuru - observation. The UFO-activity in Finland clearly seems to be more lively.

Note by translator: On the same night that this observation was made, a man disappeared on his way to work. He is still missing despite announcements in the papers, and the local police has no clues of his destiny.

SHORT SUMMARIES OF OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Sept. 3, 1983, at 00.30, Tampere. 58-year old widow got up from her bed to take her medicine. She noticed in the north-west a light-phenomenon as big as the moon, which was otherwise round, but a piece was missing in the upper part, just like broken or like the phenomenon would have been illuminated from underneath, so that upper part was shadowed. The colour was metallic. The phenomenon abandoned from the observer and disappeared behind the roof of the next house. The observation lasted for 10-15 minutes. No other witnesses. During the time of observation the moon was under the horizon.

Sept. 3, 1983, at 23.05, Tampere. A seargent major (ret.) with great experience in ground observation corps, 50-years old, observed in the north at the height of 30 degrees a moving dark blue object, which he at first thought to be a kite. Then a light was switched on in the front part, sparkling in the beginning like a piece of fireworks. The form of the object changed to a ball, the colour of which was yellow, like traffic sign reflecting the car headlights, and the ball was followed by a blue veil which covered the stars. The phenomenon got first closer directly to the observer, but turned a little bit to the right when the sparkling began. When it passed the yellow ball seemed to have a narrow bright ring around itself. The object vanished suddenly up in the south-east. The moving was soundless, with sudden, short movements. The size of the light was approx. 50 cm. The duration of the observation was short, only about 3 seconds. The weather was clear and the object did not illuminate the surroundings. This could have been a meteorite, but due to the great experience of the observer it is out of the question.

Sept. 4, 1983, at 01.00, Tampere (Lielähti). A 25-year old woman observed through the window of her apartment a bright yellow lightball, bigger than the moon, which was descending in the south-western sky. She quickly alarmed her 31-year-old husband and her 19-year-old sister and they all went to the balcony to see better. The lightball had however, gone down already so much behind the forest, that only half of it was visible. The light phenomenon continued to descend with slowing speed and vanished after about two minutes down to the right. Over the landingplace of this big ball a light clearly bigger than a star was observed, moving slowly to the right and gently downwards, descending behind the forest (blinking through the trees). The weather was clear, and no sound was heard. The total duration of the observations is about 20 minutes. The time of the observation closes out the possibility of moon or stars. No other witnesses.

Sept. 10, 1983, at 22.00, Ruovesi. 25-year-old civil engineer and a woman of the same age were in a boat on the lake. The man was lying on the bottom of the boat looking for the stars, when the woman observed in the north-west just over the water a little, but bright yellow light, in front of which were things like twigs. The man also began to look at it and together they saw how the light which was shining with constant brightness, at first seemed to get closer

to them. Then the light became brighter, like halogene light and started to rise straight upwards. Vanishing very fast without noise or other effects, the observers estimate that the rise upwards was made at the distance of about 1.5 km, the duration of the observation was about 10 seconds.

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